

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

In the Final Office Action of August 27, 2002, the Examiner noted that claims 1-20 are pending in the application and that claims 1-20 are rejected. In the Advisory Action of December 13, 2002, the Examiner indicated that claims 1, 11, and 18 as amended in response to the August 27, 2002 Office Action raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA (37 CFR §1.53(d))). Examination of the claims in this Preliminary Amendment is requested.

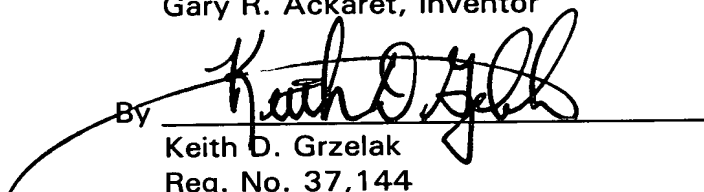
CONCLUSION

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in the event that the next Office Action is other than a Notice of Allowance. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (PST) Monday through Friday.

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AMENDMENT C
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING CPA FILING

In the Claims:

The claims have been amended as follows (underlines indicate insertions and ~~strikeouts~~ indicate deletions):

- 1 1. (Amended) A ~~forms~~ printing apparatus, comprising:
2 a web server having a forms printing solution for supporting version
3 controlled forms generation and transmission via an information exchange
4 protocol and a control interface for generating and transmitting forms as
5 electronic material;
6 a request initiating client machine comprising a personal digital
7 assistant having a web browser and a network connection with the web server;
8 and
9 an output device comprising a surface-interaction protocol capable
10 printer selected by a user and supporting an information exchange protocol and

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11 a control interface for receiving forms transmitted from the web server and
12 rendering user-perceptible forms.

1 2. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 ~~wherein the client machine~~
2 ~~comprises a handheld browser capable internet access device~~ further comprising
3 an administrative tool set.

1 3. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 ~~wherein the client machine~~
2 ~~comprises a personal digital assistant (PDA)~~ 2 wherein version controlled forms
3 are provided by a user of the administrative tool set.

1 9. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~information~~
2 ~~exchange protocol of the output device comprises Jetsend, and a specific~~
3 ~~selected form comprises a Jetsend job~~ request initiating client includes a cookie
4 set used to inform the web server where to send a user identified form.

1 10. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the output device
2 comprises a ~~Jetsend capable~~ printer having a ~~Jetsend~~ surface-interaction
3 protocol address.

1 11. (Amended) A forms storage, retrieval and printing system,
2 comprising:
3 a server including a memory, a database defined in the memory, a
4 forms printing solution for supporting forms generation and transmission, and a
5 control interface for generating and transmitting forms as electronic material
6 across a network interconnected with the server;
7 a request initiating client machine comprising a personal digital
8 assistant having a browser and a network connection;

9 an output device selected by a user and supporting an information
10 exchange protocol including a surface-interaction protocol and a control
11 interface for receiving forms transmitted from the web server and rendering
12 user-perceptible forms.

1 16. (Amended) The system of claim ~~15~~ wherein the ~~Raster~~
2 ~~transmission protocol comprises a Jetsend capable device~~ 11 further comprising
3 an administrative tool set configured to enable a user to create and/or maintain
4 specific forms that are accessible on the server.

1 17. (Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein the ~~network~~
2 ~~connection comprises an interconnection between the client machine and the~~
3 ~~server~~ request initiating client machine further comprises a target client machine,
4 and wherein the output device comprises the target client machine.

1 18. (Amended) A method for selecting and printing forms remote
2 from a user, comprising:
3 accessing a web-capable server with a web-accessible client machine
4 comprising a personal digital assistant;
5 selecting a form to be printed from a selection of forms stored on the
6 server;
7 selecting a web address of an output device for printing the selected
8 form having an information exchange protocol and a control interface for
9 receiving forms transmitted from the web server and rendering user-perceptible
10 forms; and
11 printing the rendered form at the output device.

1 20. (Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein the client machine
2 comprises a Java-capable web browser and a cookie set, the output device

- 3 comprises a ~~JetSend-capable~~ surface-interaction protocol device, and the server
4 comprises a Java vending machine and further comprising informing the web-
5 capable server via the cookie set where to send a user identified form.

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